

CHAPTER 210
GRANTS FOR SOLID WASTE COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING

567—210.1(455E,455B) Purpose. Money is designated from the solid waste account of the ground-water protection fund for grants to assist with the completion of the comprehensive solid waste management plans as required under Iowa Code section 455B.306. Fifty percent of the \$.25 per ton solid waste fee that was collected between July 1, 1987, and June 30, 1988, will be made available in the form of grants by the waste management authority division of the department of natural resources. This chapter governs the administration of these grants.

567—210.2(455B) Eligible applicants. Grants may be awarded to a city or a county, a central planning agency representing more than one city or county or combination of cities or counties for the purpose of planning and implementing regional solid waste management facilities, or to private or public agencies working in cooperation with a city or county.

567—210.3(455B) Selection criteria. Grants will be awarded in a manner which will distribute the funds geographically throughout the state to the greatest extent possible. An application may be rejected by the director if in the department's judgment the applicant could not reasonably be expected to complete the plan for which the grant is requested or the applicant could not reasonably be expected to implement the plan.

Grant proposals will be evaluated according to the following criteria:

210.3(1) The extent to which the proposal reflects the state's solid waste management policy and hierarchy as established in Iowa Code section 455B.301A.

210.3(2) The extent to which the planning area is regionalized. Regionalization shall be determined by the inclusion of contiguous multicounty or multicity areas representing all solid waste management entities within the region.

210.3(3) The extent to which the planning area is committed to regional planning as demonstrated by previous association or cooperative efforts between entities, or as verified through submission of approved agreements of cooperation or joint exercise of powers (Iowa Code chapter 28E) between those entities.

210.3(4) The extent to which the project involves environmentally fragile areas which are particularly subject to groundwater contamination as determined through information provided by the applicant and through consultation with the geological survey bureau.

567—210.4(455B) Grant amounts.

210.4(1) Grants shall be awarded only for an amount determined by the department to be reasonable and necessary, to conduct the work as set forth in the grant application, according to the "Guidelines for Solid Waste Comprehensive Plans, Part I: Waste Management Alternatives," July 1, 1988.

210.4(2) Grants for less than a countywide planning area may be awarded up to 25 percent state funds, for a single-county planning area the state funds may be awarded up to 50 percent, and for a two-county planning area the funds may be awarded up to 75 percent. For each additional county above a two-county planning area, the maximum allowable state funds that may be awarded shall be increased by an additional 5 percent, to a maximum of 90 percent state funds. The department may maximize participation in the program and distribution of the funds by providing less than the maximum allowable amounts.

210.4(3) Grant funds may be used to cover expenses already incurred if the applicant requests and receives special permission from the department. Such permission should be requested in the application and will depend on the justification presented and the availability of funds. Justification shall include the date a contract for the work was signed or the date the notice to proceed was issued, the percentage of work completed as of the application submission, the anticipated completion date, and the reasons why reimbursement is requested. Additional information may be requested if necessary. No projects started prior to July 1, 1988, will be considered for reimbursement.

210.4(4) Grant funds will be awarded only for work that is directly related to the completion of solid waste management comprehensive plans as detailed in the guidelines issued July 1, 1988.

567—210.5(455B) Application requirements. Applications should include at a minimum: the scope of work to be completed, a schedule for the completion of the plan, a description of the jurisdictions in the planning area, a signed statement of commitment to participate by those jurisdictions, a detailed cost estimate that is also broken down by local share and grant request, data on the potential for groundwater contamination within that planning area (if available), and an official contact person. The statement of commitment to regionalization is necessary to receive the preference given to regional plans.

567—210.6(455B) Application deadline. The deadline for submittal of applications is December 15, 1988. Grant announcements will be made by January 20, 1989.

These rules are intended to implement Iowa Code section 455B.311.

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